



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 3.6
Soil moisture supplies: 2% very short, 4% short, 64% adequate and 30% surplus

Field Crops Report
Showers received across the state last week hindered field work activity. Corn producers have almost completed planting. Corn planting progressed slowly due to wet field conditions, increasing only 2 points from last week to 97% complete. Corn emerged continued with good progress at 62% complete, increasing 13 points ahead of last week. Rice planted increased 14% from last week to 75% complete, 22% ahead of 5-year average. Rice emerged increased 39% from last week to 46% complete, 32% ahead of 5-year average. Winter wheat headed at 44%, increased 22% since last week. Field plowing and preparation work for soybean has been delayed due to wet field condition. Sugarcane producers are working land and spraying fields with herbicides. Spring plowing progressed well, but dry weather is needed.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Strawberry harvest continued, producers are spraying fields to control insects and diseases. Vegetable producers continued planting tomatoes, bell peppers, squash, cabbage and cucumbers. Vegetable producers are spraying fields to control insects. Citrus trees are nearly finished flowering. Damaged to blueberry and peach crops reported due to high winds. Crawfish harvest was still in full swing.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Cattlemen producers are working cattle. Cattle are in good condition overall and spring calving is continuing. Ryegrass growth has been excellent lately.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2012	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring Plowing	82	73	72	76
Corn	Planted	97	95	91	93
	Emerged	62	49	65	63
Rice	Planted	75	61	49	53
	Emerged	46	7	10	14
Sorghum	Planted	42	36	51	37
Soybeans	Planted	7	5	12	6
Winter Wheat	Headed	44	22	95	64

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	2	49	42	7
Sugarcane	4	12	47	33	4
Livestock	2	5	41	46	6
Vegetables	2	9	55	32	2
Pasture	3	12	51	32	2
Winter Wheat	1	6	46	42	5



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/01/13 TO 04/07/13

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	MM	MM	MM	61	0.30	1.80	11.89	14.75
Minden	78	37	57	61	1.20	4.15	14.66	16.12
Mooringsport	77	40	55	MM	1.22	4.34	13.70	13.62
Shreveport South	78	38	57	MM	1.42	3.96	12.63	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	78	37	57	62	1.04	3.56	13.66	15.07
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	78	41	56	61	1.69	2.76	17.31	17.44
Homer/Hill Farm	77	36	56	60	1.08	5.16	15.11	16.40
Farmerville	76	39	58	MM	0.98	2.78	16.88	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	78	36	57	62	1.25	2.77	16.88	17.35
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	75	42	55	61	1.28	3.93	22.11	18.78
LSU-St Joseph	MM	MM	MM	62	1.51	3.96	20.76	18.87
LSU-Winnisboro	MM	MM	MM	62	0.98	2.05	21.11	18.08
Tallulah	76	42	59	61	0.96	3.56	23.98	18.73
Extreme/Average	76	42	57	62	1.25	M.MM	MM.MM	18.54
4. West-Central								
Leesville	79	40	58	63	1.79	2.44	19.42	16.68
Ashland	78	35	54	60	1.36	2.25	11.25	16.78
Hodges Gardens	78	40	55	MM	1.77	2.89	17.40	16.55
Extreme/Average	79	35	56	63	1.64	2.53	18.41	16.45
5. Central								
Alexandria	79	43	58	64	1.87	2.26	21.96	17.93
Jonesville Locks	MM	MM	MM	63	0.65	3.42	26.31	18.41
Eunice	78	40	61	65	2.72	4.63	31.23	16.78
Bunkie	79	42	58	64	2.43	4.53	28.73	18.41
New Roads 5 NE	80	46	61	64	2.65	3.34	29.35	18.19
Extreme/Average	80	40	60	64	2.42	3.69	27.82	17.86
6. East-Central								
Norwood	MM	MM	MM	MM	2.59	4.72	23.13	MM.MM
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	2.21	4.17	29.98	18.63
LSU-Hammond	(82)	40	59	63	1.89	2.55	28.40	19.19
Slidell	78	44	61	64	2.92	3.17	17.53	18.54
Extreme/Average	82	40	60	64	2.41	2.86	22.97	18.95
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	79	41	59	64	1.26	1.81	18.96	17.21
Jennings	78	44	60	64	3.27	5.83	28.86	15.34
LSU-Crowley	78	44	60	65	3.71	5.31	29.06	15.77
Oberlin Fire Tow	77	(34)	56	65	2.16	3.68	21.08	17.89
Extreme/Average	79	34	59	65	2.60	4.94	26.33	15.39
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	77	45	61	65	1.81	2.25	23.75	16.90
LSU-Jeanerette	78	47	62	65	2.61	4.67	24.82	14.94
Morgan City	76	48	62	65	2.17	2.44	19.02	15.88
Lafayette	80	44	60	66	2.21	4.65	23.37	16.30
Extreme/Average	80	44	61	66	2.20	3.50	24.29	15.83
9. Southeast								
Grand Isle	78	50	65	MM	3.25	3.48	13.48	16.32
Galliano	76	47	62	66	5.92	6.28	18.17	17.05
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	67	2.17	2.17	13.20	16.65
Gonzales	MM	MM	MM	MM	2.08	2.54	27.58	17.89
Extreme/Average	78	47	64	66	3.78	4.88	15.83	17.36
State Averages	82	34	59	64	2.18	3.72	21.43	16.88

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 07, 2013

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